

2 Maccabees 5



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1540 Great Bible, 1560
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1382 Wycliffe (handwritten in Middle
English) Bible versions.

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5: 1 About the
same time
Antiochus
prepared his
second voyage
into Egypt:

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5=2 And then it happened, that through all the city, for the space almost of forty days, there were seen horsemen running in the air, in cloth of

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gold, and
armed with
lances, like a
band of
soldiers,
5:3 And troops
of horsemen
in array,
encountering
and running
one against

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**another, with
shaking of
shields, and
multitude of
pikes, and
drawing of
swords, and
casting of
darts, and
glittering
of golden**

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**ornaments,
and harness
of all sorts.**

5=4 Wherefore
every man
prayed that
that apparition
might turn to
good.

5=5 Now when
there was

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gone forth a
false rumour,
as though
Antiochus had
been dead,
Jason took at
the least a
thousand men,
and suddenly
made an
assault upon

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**the city; and
they that were
upon the walls
being put
back, and the
city at length
taken,
Menelaus fled
into the castle:
5=6 But Jason
slew his own**

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**citizens
without mercy,
not
considering
that to get the
day of them of
his own nation
would be a
most unhappy
day for him;
but thinking**

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**they had been
his enemies,
and not his
countrymen,
whom he
conquered.**

**5:7 Howbeit for
all this he
obtained not
the
principality,**

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**but at the last
received
shame for the
reward of his
treason, and
fled again into
the country of
the
Ammonites.
5=8 In the end
therefore he**

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**had an
unhappy
return, being
accused
before Aretas
the king of the
Arabians,
fleeing from
city to city,
pursued of all
men, hated as**

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**a forsaker of
the laws, and
being had in
abomination
as an open
enemy of his
country and
countrymen,
he was cast
out into Egypt.**

5:9 Thus he

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**that had driven
many out of
their country
perished in a
strange land,
retiring to the
Lacedemonian
s, and thinking
there to find
succour by
reason of his**

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kindred:

5=10 And he
that had cast
out many
unburied had
none to mourn
for him, nor
any solemn
funerals at all,
nor sepulchre
with his

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fathers.

5= 11 Now when
this that was
done came to
the king's ear,
he thought
that Judea had
revolted:
whereupon
removing out
of Egypt in a

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**furious mind,
he took the
city by force of
arms,**

5: 12 And
commanded
his men of war
not to spare
such as they
met, and to
slay such as

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**went up upon
the houses.**

5: 13 Thus there
was killing of
young and old,
making away
of men,
women, and
children,
slaying of
virgins and

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infants.

5=14 And there
were
destroyed
within the
space of three
whole days
fourscore
thousand,
whereof forty
thousand were

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**slain in the
conflict; and
no fewer sold
than slain.**

**5: 15 Yet was he
not content
with this, but
presumed to
go into the
most holy
temple of all**

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**the world;
Menelaus, that
traitor to the
laws, and to
his own
country, being
his guide:**

**5=16 And taking
the holy
vessels with
polluted**

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**hands, and
with profane
hands pulling
down the
things that
were dedicated
by other kings
to the
augmentation
and glory and
honour of the**

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**place, he gave
them away.**

5=17 And so
haughty was
Antiochus in
mind, that he
considered not
that the Lord
was angry for
a while for the
sins of them

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**that dwelt in
the city, and
therefore his
eye was not
upon the
place.**

5: 18 For had
they not been
formerly
wrapped in
many sins, this

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**man, as soon
as he had
come, had
forthwith been
scourged, and
put back from
his
presumption,
as Heliodorus
was, whom
Seleucus the**

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**king sent
to view the
treasury.**

**5: 19 Nevertheless
ss God did not
choose the
people for the
place's sake,
but the place
far the
people's sake.**

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5:20 And
therefore the
place itself,
that was
partaker with
them of the
adversity that
happened to
the nation, did
afterward
communicate

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**in the benefits
sent from the
Lord: and as it
was forsaken
in the wrath of
the Almighty,
so again, the
great Lord
being
reconciled, it
was set up**

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with all glory.

5=21 So when
Antiochus had
carried out of
the temple a
thousand and
eight hundred
talents, he
departed in all
haste unto
Antiochia,

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**weening in his
pride to make
the land
navigable, and
the sea
passable by
foot: such was
the
haughtiness
of his mind.**

5:22 And he left

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**governors to
vex the nation:
at Jerusalem,
Philip, for his
country a
Phrygian, and
for manners
more
barbarous
than he that
set him there;**

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5:23 And at
Garizim,
Andronicus;
and besides,
Menelaus, who
worse than all
the rest bare
an heavy hand
over the
citizens,
having a

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**malicious
mind against
his
countrymen
the Jews.**

5:24 He sent
also that
detestable
ringleader
Apollonius
with an army

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**of two and
twenty
thousand,
commanding
him to slay all
those that
were in their
best age, and
to sell the
women and
the younger**

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sort:

**5=25 Who
coming to
Jerusalem,
and pretending
peace, did
forbear till the
holy day of the
sabbath, when
taking the
Jews keeping**

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**holy day, he
commanded
his men to arm
themselves.**

5:26 And so
he slew all
them that were
gone to the
celebrating of
the sabbath,
and running

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**through the
city with
weapons slew
great
multitudes.**

**5=27 But
Judas
Maccabeus
with nine
others, or
thereabout,**

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**withdrew
himself into
the wilderness,
and lived in
the mountains
after the
manner of
beasts, with
his company,
who fed on
herbs**

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**continually,
lest they
should be
partakers of
the pollution.**

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